

September 16, 2010

ConnectME Authority
Phillip Lindley, Executive Director
78 Statehouse Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0078

Re: Round Five – Greater Franklin County Broadband Project

Funding Requested \$500,000

Dear Members of the Connect Maine Authority,

The Greater Franklin Development Corporation (GFDC) submits this Pre-application letter for Round Five ConnectME funding.

The GFDC region encompasses all of Franklin County and the Town of Livermore Falls (Androscoggin County). This region has 20,661 housing units in an area of 1809 square miles and 32,694 population based on 2009 State Planning Office and 2000 US Census data.

Many regions of Franklin County and Livermore Falls are unserved. GFDC has met with many high speed internet service providers to learn about their respective plans to bring broadband service to the unserved areas.

At a series of meetings with leaders of the Franklin County area, it was confirmed that large areas in this region need broadband availability for economic and educational development.

GFDC will work with available service providers to find solutions to reach neighborhoods that have no service.

Greater Franklin Development Corporation is committed to reaching 100 % of the unserved homes and businesses in Franklin County and Livermore Falls.

Best regards,



Alison A. Hagerstrom
Executive Director